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## Discovering the History of the Library

Kate Waldera has always loved history. "It was my favorite subject in school," Kate said. "I enjoy the hunt to discover the back story. I like to know where I came from and who came before me."

Kate has been involved with the Bismarck Historical Society for several years and is now the president. She also happens to be the Head of Reference Services at the Library. Due to her love of history and her passion for reference work, it was a natural fit for her to prepare a presentation about the history of the Bismarck Public Library.

"What sparked my interest initially was a comment that there was a file about previous Library directors, but the file was incomplete," said Kate. "I decided I should do some work to complete that file."

Kate worked off and on for seven to eight months, on her time away from work, digging through Library files, scanning historical newspapers and contacting anyone she could find who might have more information.

On, April 8, she presented her findings to a crowd of history lovers at the Library. Several in the crowd were able to share some of their own memories from their childhood about visiting the Library.



Kate Waldera searches through a box of historical documents, uncovering information for her presentation about the history of the Bismarck Public Library.

## Timeline of Bismarck Public Library

**1915** – Books could be checked out from the Commercial Club (Bismarck Chamber of Commerce).

**1916** – City donated property on the corner of 6th Street and Thayer Ave. for a Library and the Carnegie Corporation donated \$25,000 to build the building.

**1917** – The Bismarck Public Library was opened. The first librarian, Florence Davis, earned \$1,000 per year and the janitor earned \$60 per month.

**1963** – The current building was built and renamed the Veterans Memorial Public Library.

**1987-1989** – The building was expanded to its current size.

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## Discovering History at the Library

If you are interested in discovering more about your family history or more about local history, visit the Library, or check out our online resources. You can find information from the following:

- **Ancestry (Library edition)** – can be accessed at the Library

- **World Vital Records** – can be accessed at the Library or at home via the Library website (go to eResources, eResources Online, Genealogy)

- **Access Newspaper Archive** – newspapers, including The Bismarck Tribune, from 1873-1956 – can be accessed at the Library or at home via the Library website (go to eResources, eResources Online, Newspapers)

- **Digital Horizons** – contains historical information and photos about North Dakota. The process of adding information and photos about Bismarck and Burleigh County has started. Information about other areas of North Dakota can be viewed at [www.digitalhorizonsonline.org](http://www.digitalhorizonsonline.org).

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One interesting story that Kate uncovered involved the Library board wanting to conserve money during the winter of 1918/1919. The librarian suggested closing on Sundays to conserve the coal that was used for heating the building. She also noted that it was difficult for her to work seven days a week. The board did not want to close on Sundays, so the suggestion was made that the janitor could serve as the librarian on Sundays. There was no information about whether it happened or not, but they did note that Sundays were a busy day and they didn't feel they could be closed.



The original Bismarck Public Library was built with funding from the Carnegie Corporation.

Kate said someday, when she finds the spare time, she may turn all her research into a book.

To view Kate's presentation, visit <http://tinyurl.com/BisPubLibHist>

*For more information about the Bismarck Historical Society, visit [www.bismarckhistory.org](http://www.bismarckhistory.org).*

# Bookmark

## Thank you, Ed Klecker

Ed Klecker is saying farewell to the Library Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors. After serving on the board for more than nine years, including a turn as board president, Ed has decided to spend more time relaxing and enjoying his retirement. Ed has the distinction of also serving as president of the Library Board of Directors and president of the Friends of the Library. Ed said he was particularly proud of the work done by the Foundation in raising money to remodel the Children's Library. Thank you, Ed, for your many years of service.

## Welcome, Sheri Coleman

The Library Foundation, Inc. welcomes Sheri Coleman as a new board member. Sheri is the co-owner of her company, Coleman Associates, where she acts as Associate Director for the Northern Canola Growers Association, as well as the Executive Director for AmeriFlax, representing 90 percent of U.S. grown Canola and 95 percent of the U.S. Flax. She directs marketing, health promotion and education of canola oil in domestic and international markets. With a B.S. in Nursing, she has an extensive background in health care,

preventive medicine, instruction and program management. She also has co-authored a cookbook, *Canola Gourmet*.

Sheri lives in Bismarck with her husband, Barry. She is an avid lover of books – in particular, antiquarian children's books. Sheri has four grown children and is a new grandmother of two beautiful grandsons!

## Basin Electric Power Cooperative Provides Support

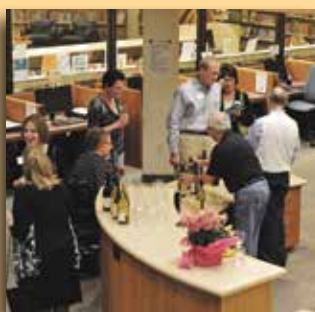
Basin Electric Power Cooperative recently provided two grants to the Library Foundation, Inc. One grant for \$500 sponsored our Employee Appreciation luncheon for Library staff. Another grant for \$5,000 provided support for "The Art of Books," paid for an update to our donor wall and sponsored the Teen Summer Reading Program for 2015. Thank you to Basin for its ongoing support!

## Thank you to the Fredrikson & Byron Foundation

The Fredrikson & Byron Foundation continues their support of the Library Foundation with a \$1,000 unrestricted grant.

# Supporters Enjoy “The Art of Books”

Art and books both inspire us to dream, imagine and see things in a different light. They stir the mind and heal the soul. These two motivating things came together recently as the focus of the Library Foundation, Inc.’s spring event.



Supporters of books and supporters of art gathered at the Library on April 17 to enjoy “The Art of Books” event. Several local artists produced works of art that used books as inspiration. Some of the items even incorporated pieces of books into the artwork. Guests at the event snacked on pizza, chocolates, nuts, and popcorn, and sampled several different wines and locally brewed Buffalo Commons beer.

Attendees browsed through the art items and were able to bid on the pieces that inspired them. The lucky bidders walked away with some special, one-of-a-kind art pieces.

Wild Inspire Trivia Tour capped off the evening with a round of trivia. Teams squared off to answer dozens of serious and silly questions, with many focusing on the topics of art and books. Although there was only one winning



team, all the teams had a great time, and the losing team even won a bag of ‘Smarties’ candy to help them with their next trivia challenge.

Proceeds from the event were added to the fundraising effort for an updated Teen Center at the Library.



## Join a Club! Support the Library!

The Library Foundation, Inc. offers several different ways to support the Library. All memberships are tax deductible. Use the membership form at the back of this newsletter and start your legacy of Library support. Join one of our membership clubs and receive the following perks.

### **Ben Franklin 100 Club - \$100**

- Ten percent off bookmark from The Gifted Bean Coffee House
- Invitations to special Foundation events
- Email notifications of upcoming Library events (must supply your email address to the Foundation)
- Recognition in *The Limited Edition* newsletter and on the Foundation's donor kiosk

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- A special gold library card and key tag

- A free coffee drink from The Gifted Bean Coffee House
- Invitations to special Foundation events
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### **Novel Club - \$500**

- A free travel mug from The Gifted Bean Coffee House
- A free coffee drink from The Gifted Bean Coffee House
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## New Art at the Library

The Library now has some amazing new art pieces available for checkout. There are 70 modern and classic art prints available, and the checkout period is 60 days. Some of the prints available include:

- *Starry Night*, by Vincent van Gogh;
- *A Sunday on La Grande Jatte*, by Georges Seurat
- *the Return of the Prodigal Son*, by Rembrandt
- *Water Lilies*, by Calude Monet
- *the Buffalo Hunter*, by Seth Eastman
- *the Great Wave Off Kanagawa*, by Hokusai Katsushika.

Come check out the art. You may find a piece that will thrill you, inspire you or calm your day.



Georges Seurat's *A Sunday on La Grande Jatte* is available for checkout at the Library.



Many new art pieces are available for checkout at the Library.

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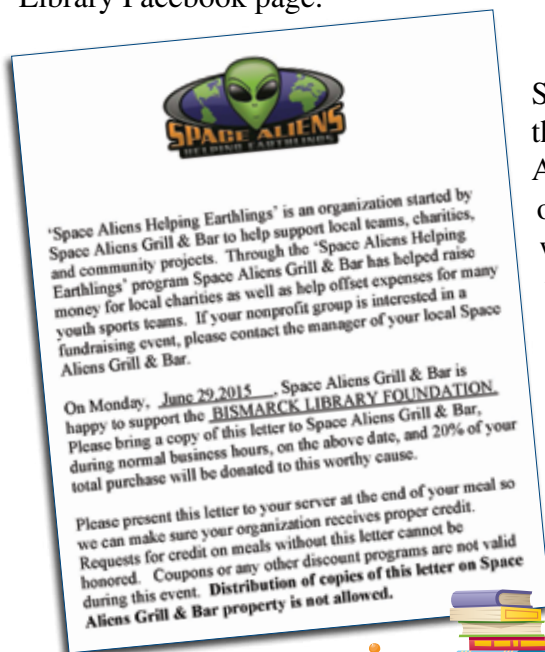
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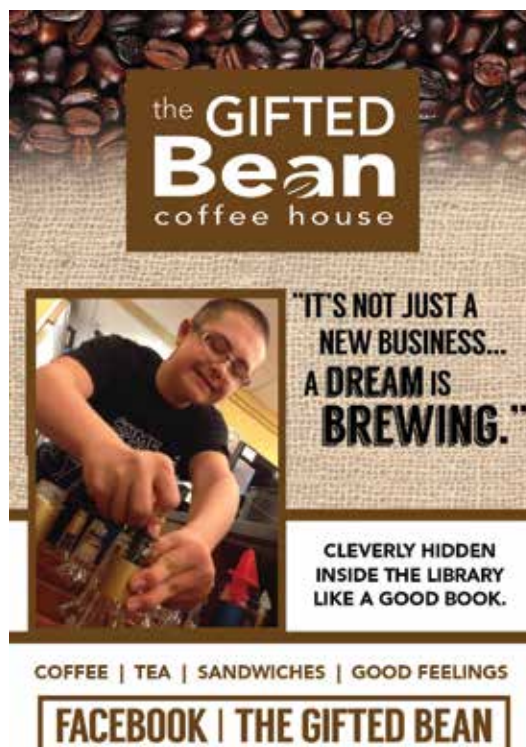
# Support the Library!

Enjoy a meal at Space Aliens restaurant on Monday, June 29 and help the library at the same time.

This letter can be found online at [www.bismarcklibrary.org](http://www.bismarcklibrary.org) (under Headlines) or on the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library Facebook page.



Simply take a copy of the letter along to Space Aliens and 20 percent of your meal purchase will be donated back to the Library Foundation, Inc.



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## Library Foundation Supports Gifted Bean

Continuing the tradition of support for the Library coffee shop, the Library Foundation, Inc. has donated funds to support the purchase of a new espresso machine for The Gifted Bean Coffee House. The Foundation spearheaded the original fundraising for the first coffee shop that was opened in 2007.

On any given day at The Gifted Bean, you can see families enjoying treats, book clubs gathered around the large table, and business people stopping in for lunch. When the espresso machine – that was already in used condition when the original shop opened – decided to stop operating, something needed to happen.

Most of the shop's coffee drinks start off using an espresso shot, so a machine that works correctly is definitely a necessity. The repair person deemed the machine beyond repair so a new machine was located and ordered.

Gifted Bean manager, Matt McMerty, said, "The new machine is very nice. It allows us to pour more than one shot at a time and we can set it so every drink comes out at the exact same temperature." The machine is used to create the espresso shots, steam milk and froth liquids.

"The Foundation is proud to support The Gifted Bean. We wanted to continue our support of the coffee shop, as the Foundation has done in the past," said Foundation Board President Cynthia Norland. "The Library provides an essential community service and the coffee shop provides a service for our Library patrons. Of course, nothing is better than relaxing with a good cup of coffee while reading a book or chatting with friends. I encourage everyone to stop at The Gifted Bean and see what they have to offer."



The Gifted Bean manager, Matt McMerty, demonstrates how to use the new espresso machine.